



RUSSIAN ARMY NOW 109 MILES FROM BERLIN

FIRST ARMY OPENS NEW DRIVE IN WEST

Third Army Also Draws Near Nazi Westwall Sector

Seventh and Ninth Active on the Roer

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
PARIS, Jan. 28. (P)—The United States First Army opened a new drive on the Germans westwall in a bitter, pre-dawn blizzard today, slugging two miles east to within five miles of the Reich along the Belgian route over which the Germans sped in their winter counteroffensive forty-four days ago.

Far ahead of the ground forces, tightening pressure on the west against an enemy reeling under Russian blows from the east, nearly 2,000 United States and British heavy and medium bombers roared through the clouds, blasting at railroad yards and bridges in the Ruhr and Rhine land.

Simultaneously, the United States Third Army, rubbing out some of the last rearguards in Northern Luxembourg, swung abruptly four miles northeast into Belgium hard on the First's south flank.

Present Solid Front

Thus these two veteran American armies presented a solid front within artillery range of the Westwall.

An ominous hull settled over most of the remainder of the snow-blotted western front except in Southern Alsace, where French and American forces tightened a clamp around Colmar—enemy citadel—and drove in within four miles of the Rhine.

Patrols lunged out aggressively along the United States Seventh Army front in Northern Alsace, and along the Roer on the United States Ninth and British Second army fronts at the gateway to the Ruhr valley, where the British now were drawn up along the Roer at a number of places.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges's First army sprang a surprise attack at 4 a. m. in a blizzard which heaped snowdrifts seven feet high. In the early hours the First overwhelmed startled garrisons of three towns northeast of St. Vith.

First Division Spreads
Veteran First division troops spear the attack, and with forces from other units charged through waist-deep snow, capturing Berscheid, Valen and Heppenbach in a cluster five to seven miles northeast of St. Vith. Heppenbach is four and a half miles from the German frontier.

There was no advance artillery preparation. After the first surprise, the German resistance began to stiffen.

Snowdrifts and mines were the chief obstacles. AP Correspondent Hal Boyle said the drifts were so deep that trail-blazing units had to change off every sixty yards—exhausted were those plodding through the snowfields.

The reopening of the First army's drive came forty-three days after Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt broke through the Ardennes in his December offensive.

Wear Arctic Suits
Doughboys assembled shortly after midnight in the bitter cold, clad in snowsuits and camouflage and newly-issued arctic suits which were designed by the army for forces in the Far North.

They struck out into the storm, heared barbed wire entanglements, and were upon the German garrisons as they slept. Startled prisoners said they didn't believe anyone would attack in such weather.

In addition to capturing the three towns, the First division cleaned out Reichs Busch, a heavy brushwood forest more than two miles wide northeast of Heppenbach.

The Duesseldorf armored division dug a half mile into a thick fir forest some three miles from the border, beard the Germans in their woods positions to which they had retreated after being St. Vith.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, meanwhile, slashed four miles northeast, cutting in a mile from the Belgian-German border a few miles southeast of St. Vith, in the advance the Belgian town of Mespel, four miles southeast of St. Vith, was overrun.

The Third army in Belgium was nowhere farther than two miles from the border and along the Luxembourg front was at the Our river on the border or no more than two and half miles away.

Cigarettes from Japan Sent to New Mexico

ARTESIA, N. M., Jan. 28. (P)—S. Sherman mentioned the cigarette shortage in a recent letter to his son, John S. Sherman, stationed in the South Pacific with the navy.

This week Sherman received a package from his son, a carton of thirty packs of cigarettes. He was unable to read the brand, but each package had a "rising sun" emblem.

Weather in Nearby States
WEST VIRGINIA—Mostly cloudy and colder.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA—A few snow flurries north portion.

2,000,000 Germans Homeless:

Civilians Flock to Berlin as Reds Advance, but Are Chased from City

By WILLIAM FRYE
LONDON, Jan. 28. (P)—Swedish newspapers, estimating two million German refugees were moving from the east, said today those homeless people presented such a housing and feeding problem in Berlin that they had been ordered to move on after a three-day stay.

Roads and railways vital to German war transport were jammed with refugees. Berlin dispatches to the Swedish press said, and big theaters in the capital were being converted into centers for them.

German People Warned

Berlin broadcasts warned the German public that the "safe" area of the central Reich still was subject to air bombardment and threatened by a new offensive on the western front.

Evacuation of the civilian population, Berlin claimed, had given the German high command time and room to counter the Russian offensive, with the result that the Red army already was being slowed.

Although Moscow radio reported German troops were deserting enroute from the western to the eastern front and that civilian disturbances had occurred in Danzig, Berlin broadcasts gave no indication there was panic. Ankara radio reported sporadic clashes between residents of Berlin and the swelling flood of refugees.

"As a direct consequence of the

2,000 Planes Blast German Ruhr Section

LONDON, Jan. 28. (P)—A crushing blow to Allied air power rolled over Germany today with nearly 2,000 war planes from Britain slashing at the German Ruhr industrial region by daylight and RAF bombers reported heading for Berlin again to-night.

The German radio warned that enemy bombers were approaching Brandenburg province, indicating the refugee-packed German capital was a target for the second successive night. Mosquitoes hurled two-ton blockbuster on Berlin Saturday night.

Drop 5,000 Tons of Bombs

More than 6,000 tons of bombs were dropped on the Reich in the daylight attacks.

Before noon, a force of 1,000 United States Eighth Air Force Flying Fortresses and Liberators escorted by 250 Mustangs unloaded 3,000 tons of bombs on two benzol plants near Dortmund, the large Rhine bridges at Duisburg and Cologne, and on railroads at Gremberg and Hohenburg five miles southwest of Duisburg.

A force of probably 500 RAF Lancaster with fighter cover followed, dumping almost 2,000 tons of explosives on smoking Gremberg, whose rail web sprawls near the banks of the Rhine over an area two miles wide and a quarter-mile long.

The benzol plants near Dortmund primarily produced coke for industrial furnaces, and benzol was a by-product, making a satisfactory fuel for the German army when mixed with gasoline.

The Gremberg and Hohenburg bridges, also important to the battlefield transportation network, were the rail span of Rheinhausen at Duisburg and the famous Hohenzollern railroad bridge at Cologne. The Hohenzollern bridge was last attacked Jan. 14, when two direct hits were scored.

The American Fortresses and Liberators went to work for the first time in four days—the longest respite in a year—to help celebrate the third anniversary of the Eighth air force.

Railroads Divert Freight Traffic In Move To Unsnarl Great Tie-up

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (P)—Systematic diversion of railroad freight traffic around snowbound areas in the northeast is being undertaken to help unsnarl the tie-up that led to embargoes movement of non-war goods there.

The Interstate Commerce Commission today appointed Eugene W. Coughlin, assistant chairman of the American Association of Railroads, as diverting agent for lines east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio.

Coughlin was instructed to divert traffic from one road to another wherever necessary.

A spokesman for the railroad as-

Train Delayed More Than Hour For Roosevelt

CHICAGO, Jan. 28. (P)—Departure of the Chicago and North Western extra fare City of Los Angeles was delayed for an hour and seven minutes last night at the request of Col. James Roosevelt of the marines who telephoned he was on "urgent duty status," a representative of the railroad said today.

Col. Roosevelt, accompanied by his wife, asked that the streamliner be held when the train he was riding from Washington dropped six and a half hours behind schedule because of weather conditions.

Not Called Unusual

E. W. Eversen, assistant station master of the Northwestern Railroad who received the request from Col. Roosevelt, said the delaying of the train departure was "not common but not unusual."

"It has been done several times in the last year and three or four times in the past six months," he said. "If a representative of a big firm on government business or a government official must make the connection we consider holding the departure. If it had been any other army, navy or marine high officer making the request last night, we would have done the same thing."

Lynne L. White, vice president in charge of operations for the Northwestern, said when the request from Col. Roosevelt was received it appeared the City of Los Angeles' departure would have to be delayed only a few minutes.

"But the incoming train from Washington kept getting later and later," he added. "It was just one of those things."

Not First Similar Case

White added, however, that the crack train departure had been delayed longer than an hour and seven minutes for "an important passenger" on at least one previous occasion.

Eversen said he didn't know of any "passengers besides the Roosevelts who made the train change to the City of Los Angeles last night. He said the train would make up the hour and seven minutes before it arrived in Los Angeles.

The Roosevelts, he said, had reservations on the City of Los Angeles. Their incoming Pennsylvania railroad train, he said, was due in Chicago at 12:20 p. m., but was six and a half hours late.

The next westbound train, Eversen said, left at 8:15 p. m. last night, "but the Roosevelts couldn't have gotten on it without reservations which they didn't have."

Approximately 300 passengers were aboard the City of Los Angeles at the 6 p. m. departure hour. Officials of the railroad said they displayed nothing beyond the usual American impatience because of the delay.

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At Rosario the Americans have "practically decimated" the Japanese Twenty-third division and Fifty-eighth mixed brigade, MacArthur reported. This has forced Lt. Gen. Tokuyuki Yamashita to send reinforcements down from the Baguio sector to help guard the main approaches to his mountain bastion.

Bypass Jap Positions

Capture of Angeles was accomplished by bypassing stubborn enemy resistance in the hills. The main force of the Thirty-seventh divi-

18,000 Americans Reported AWOL On West Front

PARIS, Jan. 28. (P)—The army newspaper Stars and Stripes lashed out today at the 18,000 soldiers absent without leave in the European theater of operations.

"We don't know the AWOL rate in the Red army," the editorial said. "Our guess is it's low."

Asserting the Russians know what they are fighting for and have no illusions about the Germans, the newspaper added:

Score U. S. Deserters

"A bitter fact can also go on record—that there are 18,000 American soldiers in the European theater of operations who haven't the faintest idea what this war is about, who seemly know nothing about its causes—and care less about its outcome: who make it a business to murder their pals by engaging in black market skullduggery, who deny the great overwhelming mass of informed thinking loyal Americans the amount of food and fuel they need to finish their jobs."

Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, deputy commander of American troops in the European theater, said yesterday he was "not alarmed" at the high figure of AWOLs, since it was likely that only a few thousand of them were truly absent. He said most of them were overstaying their pass or were accidentally delayed in getting back to their units.

Total Cold

The provost marshal's office said that the figure was actually lower than in the last war though double what it was before D-day.

Brig. Gen. P. B. Rogers, commanding general in the Seine section, said the AWOLs presented a serious problem, with the men facing the temptation to pick up easy money in black market rackets or to resort to other crimes while cut off from the army payroll. He declared however, that only a minority of AWOLs were in this category and that most of them were "simply stragglers" who will soon be back with their units.

He cited an example that on a typical day in a Paris guardhouse 700 men were held, with 167 accused of pilferage and black market activities, while the remainder were routine AWOLs.

In cases of wilful AWOLs the penalty is severe. If intent to desert can be proved the offender risks the death sentence.

Mystery Bomb Kills 2, Wrecks House in Mass.

SOUTH DARTMOUTH, Mass., Jan. 28. (P)—Military secrecy today shrouded the cause of an explosion that ripped a house apart last night killing an aged woman and her son.

The body of Mrs. Ida Mattson, 81, was found shortly after what first naval district headquarters said apparently was a "flare bomb" struck the structure.

Today searchers found the body of Theodore J. Mattson, 43, buried in the debris in the cellar.

Cause Not Known

Army and naval intelligence officers joined state police in the investigation but all three agencies professed ignorance of the cause of the blast.

The second is the "women's jury" bill, which arrived from the House of Delegates last week, a rousing eighty-six to twenty-six winner.

The third "home rule" proposal would extend large local lawmaking powers to county commissioners and officials of incorporated municipalities, and take them away from the General Assembly.

The "women's jury" bill would permit women to serve on Maryland juries for the first time.

In the first instance, Lindsay is on the spot because the Legislative Council backing with which the trio of home rule bills came to the General Assembly was largely due to his strong advocacy of them.

Being the leading spirit behind them, he naturally would like to see them pass the Senate and head for the almost inevitable defeat in the House.

No Trace of Bomb

The navy said that experts "could find no trace of bomb or other projectile in the ruins," and that all navy planes at nearby stations have been checked.

The force of the blast sent debris flying for 100 yards in all directions. Several houses some distance from the Mattson home were damaged severely.

Shortly after the explosion, Dartmouth police reported that a plane was overhead at the time of the blast. It was not identified.

Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press

Eastern front: 199 miles (from German border by Russian report; prev. German accounts placed the Russians within 100 miles of Berlin).

Western front: 310 miles (from Linnich-Julich-Duren area).

Italian front: 544 miles (from Reno river).

NAZIS SHIFTING TROOPS IN EFFORT TO HALT DRIVE



ALLIED FLYERS on the Western Front report that a large-scale movement of troops and equipment is taking place as the Nazis seek to rush reinforcements to their badly-battered eastern front armies. In the last few days Allied airmen, slashing at the wholesale withdrawals, destroyed more than 7,500 vehicles and tanks. Meanwhile the Russians have isolated East Prussia and close in on Breslau.

Progress on Luzon:

MacArthur's Forces Making Rapid Gains in Great Drive for Manila

By RICHARD BERGHOLZ

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Monday, Jan. 29. (P)—Fast-rolling American army spearheads reached to within thirty-six air miles of Manila yesterday.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today, as the Yanks crushed weak opposition to take the town of Angeles and swept to the environs of the vital highway city of San Fernando.

Meanwhile Yanks of the First Army scored a triumph on the suborned hill flanks by capturing the bitterly-defended city of Rosario.

They pressed on toward a junction with another United States column on the road leading to Baguio, Philippines summer capital.

They were cleaning out strongly entrenched Japanese positions in the nearby hills.

Meanwhile Yanks of the First

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Scientific Leadership
Must Be Maintained

ATTENTION has once more been called to the serious danger involved in completely halting the training of young scientists in order to fill the manpower demands of the armed services. This time the pointer with alarm is Nobel Prize-winner Arthur H. Compton, of the University of Chicago.

Compton's thesis is that Washington will "cripple our fighting strength and seriously weaken our position in the postwar world" by failing to provide adequate replacements for research laboratories. And, from the long-range point of view, this can hardly be an overstatement of the case.

It should not be necessary to point out the enormous role that science has played and is still playing in this war. Mere manpower is not enough unless it is backed up by weapons equal to or better than those developed by the enemy. Germany recognized this early in the game, with the result that it still has a lead over the Allies in such new weapons as the jet-propelled plane and the flying bomb.

This nation's security and its position in the postwar world will depend to no small extent on how it fares in the struggle for scientific leadership. It cannot hope to compete on equal terms if it starves its laboratories of young and vigorous talent by blocking the training of new scientists.

That is the course the nation is following now and it is an extremely short-sighted one, as Dr. Compton says. The pinch has not been felt very seriously as yet. But if the war goes on several years more and the present policy is continued, the nation will be shorthanded on the men needed to develop new machines and new weapons before they can be placed in the factories and in the hands of American fighting men.

The Navy's Wallop
Is Now Something

THE NAVY'S DISCLOSURE of the terrific increase in the firepower of its combatant ships since before Pearl Harbor provides another potent reason for the ability of American task forces to range virtually wherever they want in the Pacific war theater.

It is now revealed by the navy that its firepower has been boosted to five times its capacity as of July 1, 1940. Some examples are illuminating. For instance, the navy's most modern battleship, the Iowa, can fire fifteen tons of shells in a fifteen-second firing run under normal conditions. It packs a wallop ninety-two per cent greater than that of the pre-Pearl-Harbor battleship Texas. The heavy cruiser Baltimore, commissioned in 1943, has 125 per cent more firepower than the Pensacola, commissioned in 1930. The new 2,200-ton destroyers of the Sumner class have 216 per cent more firepower than the old four-stackers of 1918.

It is quite evident from reports of recent naval engagements that the Japanese fleet has not kept pace with American developments in fighting ships. The combination of greatly increased gunfire capacity and tremendous aircraft carrier strength gives American naval forces undoubtedly superiority over anything the Japanese can offer.

Despite the great supply problems involved, the combination seems bound to provide the difference in any issue the Japanese navy cares to risk.

Some Manpower
Relief in Sight

TWO ITEMS of European news indicate that the manpower problem which is troubling the Allied countries, and especially the United States, will be alleviated, as time passes. The Allies are beginning to avail themselves of the services of people formerly within Nazi clutches.

The war minister of France, Andre Dietrich, announces that by late spring France will have an army of 1,200,000 men equipped with American material and ready to take its place in the battle lines along the western front. Regardless of whether this army is of first-class caliber, it can at least relieve the Allies of the necessity of providing some of the manpower they otherwise would need in driving into Germany. Creation of this large French army should be reflected in the rate of conscription in the United States several months from now.

On the other side of Europe, Rumania announces that work battalions of men and women of German origin, ranging from 18 to 45 years of age, are being formed. These battalions are being employed in the destroyed areas on the eastern front. The plan is Russia's. Moscow has a program laid out to take millions of Germans, as Germany took millions of Frenchmen and other Europeans, transport them to Russia and put them to work to repair the damage caused by the Nazi armies.

Whether Britain and the United States plan to get work out of the Germans has not been announced. But Russia is beginning to apply that policy early and expects to continue it for years.

The Merry-Go-Round
Of Double Taxation

STIRRINGS are becoming evident of a new reform movement directed toward the present federal tax system. It is constantly becoming clear that corporations and business houses have been forced into considering their income taxes a proper charge on the cost of production and have been, and are, passing these charges on to consumers.

Obviously, this makes for double taxation and several of the country's leading experts on taxes have begun to press for revisions. Beardsey Ruml, chairman of the New

York Federal Reserve Bank and originator of the pay-as-you-go tax system, is one of those who have already offered evidence to prove that in the retail trade income taxes are being passed on to the consumer as a part of the cost of the goods.

In defense of this practice, Enders M. Voorhees, chairman of the finance committee of the United States Steel Corporation, has declared that "corporate income taxes, like wages to workers and owners and all other costs, are costs, nevertheless, to the customer, if a business is long to continue, must cover the price of it."

Thus, the United States finds itself in a merrily-round of round constantly building up taxes on the little man, who already pays double taxation on what he receives from investment. If the administration were to forbid the passing on of taxes, it would only result in the eventual closing down of many an industry and the subsequent unemployment of many people. Economic health cannot be achieved in this country as long as there is a tax structure so garbed and so dangerous.

In some way and somehow, Congress should find a way of so simplifying the federal tax system as to eliminate the double taxation evil and to bring more equity for every one. As it is now, the large taxpayer does not suffer nearly as much as the little taxpayer who can not pass the tax on.

Fiendishness Frustrated
By Indomitable Spirit

WITH most German scientists gone all out on the trail of sudden death for Allied soldiers and civilians, any Nazi master-mind of the laboratory who hit on a new secret weapon that would snuff out the life of the British population would be in line for the highest honors the Fuehrer might deign to bestow. The obsession of some multiplied deaths among the people of Britain continues to preoccupy the Nazi chemist, but despite all the havoc of horror warfare Britain is holding its own in the matter of survival.

The register-general's report for 1944 shows that in the cities of England and Wales there were 5,000 fewer deaths last year than in 1943, while birth increased by 29,123. There were fewer cases of contagious diseases.

Even though such news seems enough to make German death specialists feel badly, it does not mean that the British people have been living charmed lives during the last year. Destruction of life and damage to property have been terrific, but four years of the nightmare of war have taught Britain much about waging of death.

Without the system of shelters and the program of evacuations, doubtless the casualty toll in Britain's cities would have been staggering. The strain of home-front war under such conditions must have made devastating inroads on the emotional strength of the British people. But even so the hand of futility has been frustrated by the indomitable spirit of a great nation, bringing the best of its human tradition to its worst of human experience.

From an Allied viewpoint war maps have regained their former popularity. The arrows are again pointing in the right direction.

The war, we're told, will cost a half-trillion dollars (\$500,000,000,000). That five must feel good in the company of so many zeros.

If they had a match, cigarette smokers could light a cigarette, if they had a cigarette.

The Browser's Bookshelf

By MARSHALL MASLIN

The Browser has been meandering through Robert Graves' "Wife to Mr. Milton", a delightful book from the Browser's point of view, just as Mr. Graves himself is almost delightful to the Browser. The Mr. Milton in point was the great poet and politician who wrote "Paradise Lost" and among other things a sonnet on his blindness but it seems he was a very difficult individual and live with him for his young and lovely wife was no bed of roses—although probably there were neuroses aplenty.

As Graves tells the tale in the young wife's words, whenever Mr. Milton prepared to write a sonnet he washed himself from head to foot and put on clean linen and his best suit and entered a room bare of all else but a chair and table, commanded absolute silence all through the house, drank a cup of water and set to. On his door was a scrap of paper on which was written the name of the Muse Calipe in whose service he was laboring.

Excellent poetry was the product, but hardly domestic harmony.

But the wives of great men often have a hard time. Socrates' Xantippe has a reputation as a scold, but who is to say that she was not overly provoked . . . Even the great Chinese sage Confucius had a wife who was bored with his wisdom and left him . . . Thomas Carlyle did not make his wife Jane altogether happy, but of course Thomas was almost loveably cantankerous and Jane had a sharp tongue, too. The "Jane" in Leigh Hunt's triplet ("Jenny kissed me when we met, Jumping from the chair she sat in") was Mrs. Carlyle.

Let us move from the humorless priggishness of the great Mr. Milton to Samuel Shellabarger's "Captain from Castle" (Little Brown and Co.), a stout novel of Spain in the days of Charles V and Mexico in the days of the Conquest. A rich and lively tale, crammed with color and action, and written by a man who has stepped himself in detail into the life of the period.

The plot is simple enough but action is complicated . . . Young Pedro de Vargas, the "Captain," is the son of a nobleman. Two women in his life are Luisa, a grande daughter and Cantana a dancer. Two good men are Costi and Juan Garcia an old soldier and the story moves from Spain to Mexico and back again. Stolen emeralds, hairbreadth escapes, faithful love, impassioned courage—these are the ingredients of an excellent novel . . . Thinks Marsh Maslin.

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Legion Five, Paced by Fred Davis, Defeats Fort Meade Medics, 32-29

Locals Flash Back from 59-28 Loss at Kingwood; Score Tied Five Times in Close Battle

Cumberland American Legion cagers, in a game in which the score was tied five times and the lead changed hands four times, defeated the Fort Meade Medics, 32-29, on the SS. Peter and Paul boards last night to flash back after losing a 59-28 battle to the Kingwood Eagles at Kingwood, W. Va., Saturday night.

Fred Davis, former Fort Hill high star, paced the Legion with a dozen points while Al Kaufman, formerly of New York University and the Original Celtics, proved to be the Medics' top floor man. Kaufman, a husky and clever performer, seldom attempted shots at the basket but his passing and ball-handling made him the sparkplug of the soldier outfit.

The score was tied twice in the first period at five and seven, once in the second quarter at eleven and twice in the third stanza at twenty-one and twenty-five. The greatest lead enjoyed by either club was the five-point bulge held by the Legion early in the third heat.

Davis opened the scoring with two fouls and after Kaufman put the Medics in the point column with a singleton, Norm Mason converted a free throw and Davis counted the first fielder from under the hoop, making it 5-3 after four minutes of play.

Baskets by Ed Forrest, former Panhandle Olympic star, and Irv Sultan, City College of New York, tied it up 5-5 and doubleleaders by Bob Reid, (Canton) Mass., college, and "Huck" Miers made it 7-7 at the quarter.

Two fielders by Del Proudfont and twin-pointers by Kaufman from far out and Forrest on a one-hand-er kept it tied, 11-11. Proudfont's foul, Ray Swich's followup, Forrest's doubledecker from the left and Davis's doubledecker from the right corner gave the Legion a 16-13 advantage at the half.

The Medics didn't catch the locals until late in the third quarter when Reid's backhand gave Fort Meade a 21-20 edge. Miers' foul tied it up, baskets by Forrest and Miers kept the score deadlocked and Davis's two fouls gave the Legion a 25-23 lead at the end of the third heat.

Opening the final stanza, Mel "Newt" Henry counted his only bas-

Collegiate Court Rivalry Is Fierce As Races Tighten

Iowa's Defeat by Illini Is Typical of Free-for-All Scramble

By TED MEIER

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—Competition is fierce this winter among the various college basketball conferences and virtually all are in tight races with the current leaders liable to stumble daily.

Typical of the free-for-all scramble was Iowa's 43-42 defeat by Illinois the past week. It was their first loss of the season after ten straight victories and threw the Big Ten Conference race into a four-way push between the Hawkeyes, Ohio States, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Each has only one league game, Underwood Wisconsin upset the two-point favorite, Northwestern, 44-43, last night.

South Carolina, Duke and Richmond all are unbeaten in the Southeastern Conference with the Gamecocks temporarily on top by virtue of having played more games. They whipped the Citadel, 59-51, yesterday while Duke nearly upset unbeaten Navy before losing a non-league game, 54-53.

Vols Pace Southeastern

Tennessee, 4-0, paces the Southeastern circuit with Kentucky and Alabama close behind. Kentucky, previously beaten only by Tennessee, lost 59-58 to Notre Dame in an extra period thriller last night in a non-conference fray.

In the Southwest Conference, Rice beat Arkansas twice to hang on to first place by one game over Texas Christian. Rice is unbeaten in six league games while TCU has a 5-1 and Southern Methodist a 4-2 mark.

Colorado and Utah are engaged in a nip-and-tuck battle in the Big Seven sector. Both are unbeaten, Oklahoma tops the Big Six with 4-1, but expects to be tied by Kansas when the Jayhawks tangle with Kansas State Tuesday.

The home gallery saw the greatest golf ever shot in the Texas open as all three of the leaders bettered the low scoring record of 271 set by E. J. (Dutch) Harrison and Nelson.

Those three stars—Byrd, Nelson and McSpadden—in 216 holes never shot any round in higher than two under par and there were only two stroke holes.

Byrd finished the first nine of the final eighteen holes today one under par, which was a stroke back of Nelson's opening nine.

Byrd had plenty of trouble on No. 9 where he took a six when his tee shot landed behind a tree. He also had a bogey on 4 as he over-shot the green.

Things began to look blacker than ever at No. 10 when Sammy three-putted for a bogey. Then Byrd started making the birdies sing. He had one on No. 11 with an eight-foot putt and he pitched dead to the pin on No. 12 and No. 13 for two more. On No. 15 he chipped one in from twenty-five feet out off the lip of the green for another and after parring No. 16 he sank a twelve-footer for a birdie on seventeen.

That was the championship. In the country at large Army and Navy continued unbeaten, 6-0 and 5-0, respectively, with the West Point Cadets making it twenty-two straight over a three-year span.

Presbyterian Poly, 9-0, also stayed unbeaten in the east, but Albright dropped from the elite ranks by losing to once-beaten Muhlenberg, 59-34.

DePaul, Temple, Great Lakes, Rhode Island State, and St. John's likewise stayed near the top with victories throughout the week. Bainbridge naval beat Valley Forge hospital and Norfolk naval training to feature service games.

Pirates Capture Midget Loop Tilt

Sam Byrd Edges Out Byron Nelson In Texas Tourney

Former New York Yankee Outfielder Wins by Single Stroke

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 28 (AP)—Steady Sam Byrd, who quit a big league baseball career because he figured the percentage was higher in golf, cashed in on his judgment this week with a stroke over 168 to win the sixteen-under-par 268 to win the Texas open by a stroke over favored Byron Nelson.

The Detroit professional shot a 66-66 in the final thirty-six holes to beat out the great Nelson, who had started today's play a stroke ahead of the former New York Yankee outfielder.

Nelson took 68-68, failing to sink a sixty-foot putt on the last hole that would have brought him a tie and a playoff for the \$1,000 first prize. The Toledo, O., pro took down \$700 second money.

Byrd had not planned to even play in the Texas open. When he finished at Tucson, Ariz., last week he was suffering from a cold and upset stomach and said he figured he'd pack up the tournament here. But PGA officials persuaded him to make the trip to Texas to help the open in view of the fact that Sam Snead and several other star pros had been forced to forego the San Antonio tournament.

Winding up a third place today was Harold "Jug" McSpadden, who shot 69-69 to give him a score of 270. He won \$550.

Fourth was Claude Harmon, of Gross Pointe, Mich., who shot 275 and fifth was Sam Schneider, of Corpus Christi, Tex., with 278.

The home gallery saw the greatest golf ever shot in the Texas open as all three of the leaders bettered the low scoring record of 271 set by E. J. (Dutch) Harrison and Nelson.

Those three stars—Byrd, Nelson and McSpadden—in 216 holes never shot any round in higher than two under par and there were only two stroke holes.

Byrd finished the first nine of the final eighteen holes today one under par, which was a stroke back of Nelson's opening nine.

Byrd had plenty of trouble on No. 9 where he took a six when his tee shot landed behind a tree. He also had a bogey on 4 as he over-shot the green.

Things began to look blacker than ever at No. 10 when Sammy three-putted for a bogey. Then Byrd started making the birdies sing. He had one on No. 11 with an eight-foot putt and he pitched dead to the pin on No. 12 and No. 13 for two more. On No. 15 he chipped one in from twenty-five feet out off the lip of the green for another and after parring No. 16 he sank a twelve-footer for a birdie on seventeen.

That was the championship. In the country at large Army and Navy continued unbeaten, 6-0 and 5-0, respectively, with the West Point Cadets making it twenty-two straight over a three-year span.

Presbyterian Poly, 9-0, also stayed unbeaten in the east, but Albright dropped from the elite ranks by losing to once-beaten Muhlenberg, 59-34.

DePaul, Temple, Great Lakes, Rhode Island State, and St. John's likewise stayed near the top with victories throughout the week. Bainbridge naval beat Valley Forge hospital and Norfolk naval training to feature service games.

Carver Divides In Two Contests

Carver high's basketball team split even in two games last week, edging out the St. Pauls' college quint at Harper's Ferry, 17-15, Friday and bowing 21-11 to Morgantown Saturday night on the local court.

At Harper's Ferry, Carver rallied in the last half after a 10-10 deadlock at the end of the second period. J. Williams and E. Redmon each had three baskets for the winners and Wilson eleven points for Storer.

Morgantown was on top 9-6 at the halfway mark. Denson gathered nine points for the visitors while Williams was the only Carver cager with more than one doubledecker. The lineups:

Carver f. G. F.G. Pts.
Poult. f. 0 0 0 0
Edwards c. 0 0 0 0
E. Redmon g. 3 0 0 0
Williams g. 3 0 0 0

Totals 8 1 1 1
Storer f. G. F.G. Pts.
Dinkins f. 1 2 0 1
Wilson c. 5 0 0 0
Mackley g. 0 0 0 0
Reed g. 0 0 0 0
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Mutual Network Schedules Two New Programs

Talk by Wallace at Testimonial Affair Is Listed

By C. E. BUTTERFIELD

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—This time it is the Blue and MBS which are doing some program rearrangements, included among them being a couple of new daytimers for MBS in keeping with its plan to bolster up that part of its schedule.

The Blue is taking Trans-Atlantic quiz, which it puts on in co-operation with BBC, off the Saturday morning list and placing it in the Monday night schedule at 10:30. In moving the program will have thirty instead of fifteen minutes. Participants in New York and London try to out-question each other about their respective countries.

Musical Program

The two new ones for MBS, starting Monday, are: Take It Easy Time, a musical with the Son Chels and Frank Novak's orchestra at 11:30 a.m. also on Wednesdays and Friday. Dick Willard is MC. And Never Too Old, an audience participation series to be conducted Mondays through Fridays for a half-hour at 2:30 p.m. by Art Baker expert on such programs. Contestants must be at least 70 years of age, and the program in co-operation with the United States Treasury Department, is designed to urge bond buyers who keep them. Also MBS is moving Detective mysteries from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

Henry A. Wallace is the principal speaker then a dinner in his honor is to be broadcast from New York at 10 for half an hour by MBS. His topic: "Full Employment and Business Expansion." Henry J. Kaiser also is to talk.

Violinist Jascha Heifetz is the guest player for the Don Voorhees concert on NBC at 9. He will join in at least three numbers.

Some Early Offerings

NBC—1:30 p.m. Echoes from the Tropics out of Chicago; 3:45 Right to Happiness.

CBS—2:45 Tens and Tim; 4 House Party; 5:45 Wilderness Road; BLUES—10:45 Lisa Sergic giving her opinion; 12:30 p.m. Farm and Home program; 3:15 p.m. Appointment with Life; 5 Hour of Kiddies serials.

MBS—1:15 Luncheons with Lopez; 3:30 The Smoothies; 4:45 Handy Man.

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Potomac Edison Extends Service To Cresaptown

Change Is Effective Feb. 5; L. & A. Will Continue Service to Keyser

Henry W. Price, district manager of The Potomac Edison Company, yesterday announced that effective February 5 the Cumberland city bus operation will be expanded to provide bus transportation service from Cumberland to the Celanese plant and Cresaptown and from Ridgeley, W. Va., to the Celanese plant.

Price stated that this new transportation service will succeed that which is now being provided by the L. & A. Bus Lines, Inc., whose service to these points will be discontinued.

Plan Hourly Schedule

Potomac Edison buses will be operated on an hourly schedule according to present plans, from Cumberland to Raines's store, south of Cresaptown on Route 220, with extra service as now provided by the L. & A. Bus Lines for all shift changes at the Celanese plant from Cumberland, Cresaptown and Ridgeley, W. Va.

The P. E. district manager's announcement disclosed that the present fares to Celanese, Cresaptown and Ridgeley will remain unchanged, and will be published along with schedules in the very near future.

With the beginning of bus service over these routes, The Potomac Edison Company will inaugurate a series of continuing traffic studies. It is expected by company officials that these studies will probably result in a revision of schedules which will provide additional convenience for bus passengers and a more efficient operation of the local system.

Ralph E. Lashley, secretary and general manager of the L. & A. Bus Lines, Inc., said that inability to secure new or used buses since the fire of December 31 damaged twelve vehicles, prompted his company to abandon the rights between Cumberland and Cresaptown and Ridgeley and the Celanese plant and relinquish these services to The Potomac Edison Company.

Other Services To Continue

Lashley stated that L. & A. will continue to operate through service between Cumberland and Keyser and Piedmont, W. Va., and service also will be continued between Cumberland and Paw Paw, W. Va., under the present schedule. Under the change which becomes effective a week from today, L. & A. buses will pick up passengers between Cumberland and Cresaptown provided they are going to points beyond Cresaptown. On the Keyser to Cumberland run only passengers boarding L. & A. buses beyond Cresaptown can be discharged between Cresaptown and Cumberland.

Transfer of the Cumberland-Cresaptown service from L. & A. to Potomac Edison has received the approval of the Public Service Commission.

Rent P. E. Buses Now

The L. & A. Bus Lines, Inc., have been renting Potomac Edison buses to haul employees of the Celanese Corporation of America between Cumberland and Amelco since January 1, after fire at the Frederick street garage of L. & A. badly damaged all equipment. L. & A. will continue to rent P. E. buses for this service until February 5 when the latter company will take over the service permanently.

Potomac Edison operates twelve bus routes within the city limits of Cumberland. The new service to Cresaptown will extend seven miles beyond the city.

Staff Sgt. Robert Ash Reported as Missing In Action in Europe

Staff Sgt. Robert Lee Ash, 21, has been reported as missing in action in the European theater of war since December 25, according to a recent telegram from the War department to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roscoe Ash, Flintstone hotel, Flintstone.

He is a graduate of Flintstone high school, class of 1942, was employed in the office of the Goodyear Service store here when he entered the army in April, 1943.

After basic training at Camp Meade, Sgt. Ash enlisted in the army air corps and received training at Miami Beach, Fla., and at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Shortly before he visited his parents in Flintstone in September, Sgt. Ash was transferred to the infantry and was shipped overseas, arriving in England early in December.

On December 22, Sgt. Ash wrote to a cousin here that he had spent Thanksgiving on the ocean and expected to be in England on Christmas, the day he was reported missing.

The message from the War department was received on January 17. Sgt. Ash's twenty-first birthday.

His brother, Staff Sgt. William Harry Ash, 24, is now stationed in a Kansas air field after two years' service as crew chief of a heavy bomber group.

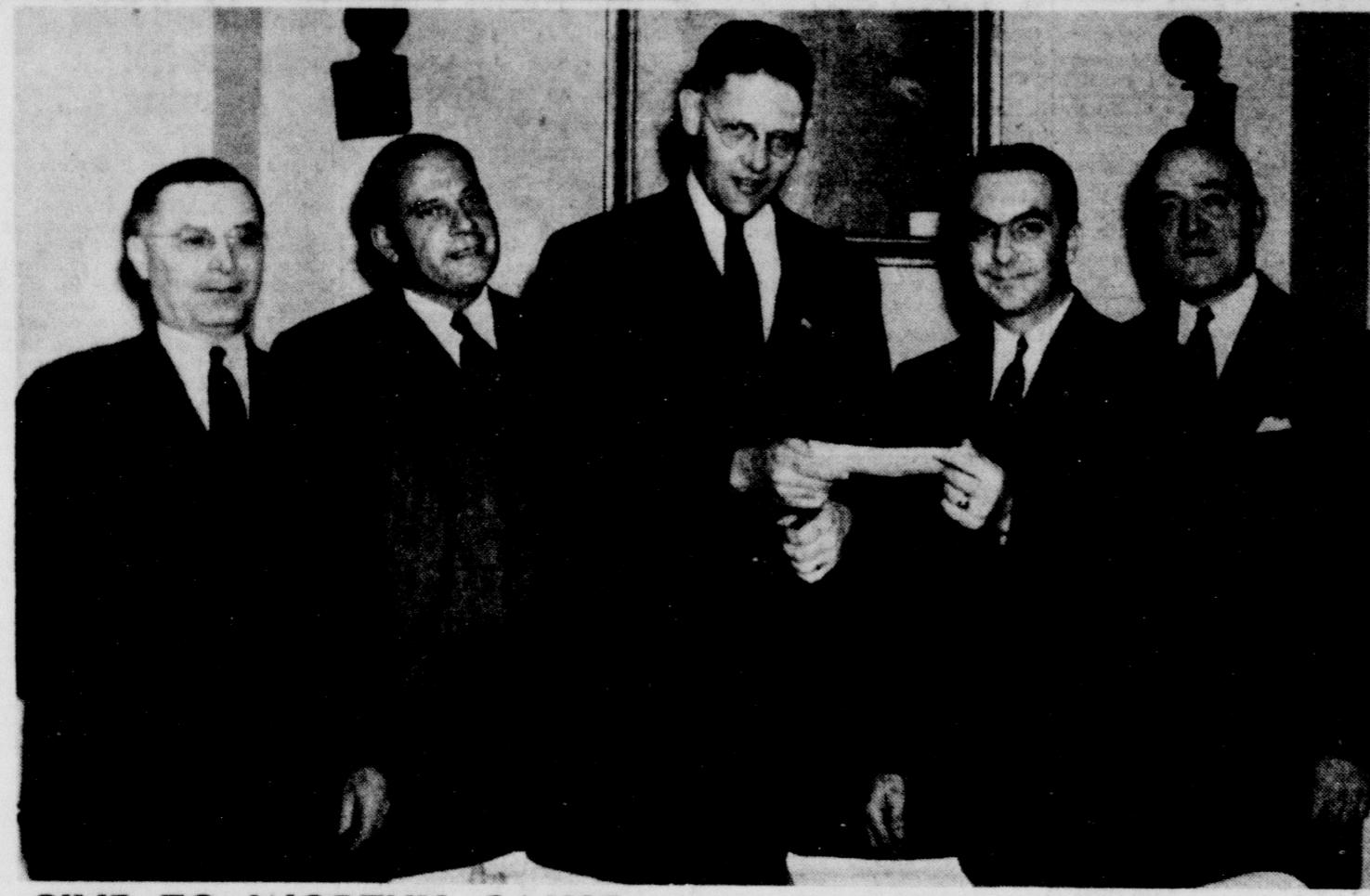
Five-day Wastepaper Collection Campaign Here To Start Today

The monthly wastepaper collection drive for Cumberland and vicinity will get under way today when trucks owned by Emmett A. Dougherty will canvass the Baltimore pike from the city limits to Miller's service station; Frantztown, Bowman's Addition and Locust Grove.

The collection will begin at 9 a. m. and householders of the sections to be visited are requested to have their bundles of paper out before that hour.

Tomorrow the trucks will visit the west side, Potomac Park and Bowing Green.

The monthly canvass will be extended over five days.



GIVE TO WORTHY CAUSE—Sheriff David M. Steele, of the Duke Memorial Bible Class, is shown presenting a check for \$500 to James W. Bishop, treasurer of the Central YMCA, to pay for 100 memberships for the Cumberland Police Boys' Club in the "Y". The money is a gift from the Bible class which has taken a keen interest in boys' activities. Those pictured, (left to right,) are Paul E. Myers, Harold Hixon, Steele, Bishop and Charles U. Wiebel. Steele, Hixon and Wiebel comprise the Bible class committee in charge of the program. Myers also is a member of the class.

325 Will Attend YMCA Fellowship Dinner Tonight

Dr. W. M. Hume Will Speak; 500 To Ballot on New Directors

Reservations have been made for 325 guests for the annual meeting and fellowship dinner of the Central YMCA, scheduled for this evening at 6:15 o'clock in the "Y" gymnasium.

The Rev. William A. Eisenberger will preside as chairman of the dinner committee and Lloyd Rawlings, association president, will have charge of the business session at which eleven directors and officers for 1945 will be elected.

Dr. Wilson M. Hume, of New York city, world service YMCA secretary, stationed for many years in India, will be the guest speaker.

Interned By Japanese

When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Dr. Hume, regional secretary for the YMCA's of North India, was caught in Manila en route to India from America where he had been on furlough. He was brought back to America on the Gripsholm in December, 1943.

Though away from India for over two years, he is still unusually able to throw light on the basic factors that lie behind India's present problems.

He has rounded out twenty-eight years service in India and is one of the few Americans who speak from first-hand experience of life in a Japanese internment camp, having spent twenty-one months in the Santa Tomas University camp in Manila.

Music, Movies On Program

The program will include dinner music by the Ferrone Trio and selections by the men's chorus of the Frostburg Methodist church. Moving pictures taken at the YMCA camp at the Pleasant Valley Recreation Area at Bittinger, Garrett county, by Dr. J. Russell Cook, will be shown.

Brief reports will be read by James E. Cook, president of the "Rec" Club, Miss Norma Cole, representing the Hi-Y clubs and Louis Everstine, who was voted the outstanding camper of 1944, will tell of his experiences.

President Rawlings will report on the 1944 activities of the association and James W. Bishop, treasurer, will make a financial report.

To Elect Eleven Directors

Eleven directors, ten of whom will serve for three years and one for an unexpired term of one year, will be elected. Ballots have been mailed out to approximately 500 members and the deadline for their return was last Friday. Alex R. Buchanan, chairman, and members of the nominating committee will act as tellers in counting the ballots.

The YMCA board comprises thirty members, nineteen of whom are holdovers.

After the ballots are counted and the new directors announced the board will hold a brief organization meeting for the purpose of electing officers.

Other Local News

On Page 2

William Meagher Leading in Race For President of Local 1874 TWUA

William E. Meagher was leading last evening in the closely contested struggle for the position of president of Local 1874, Textile Workers of America, according to the official standing of candidates released by Louis R. Hartman, chairman of the election committee for the Celanese local's annual election.

In second place for the office as head of the 8,000-odd member local was Robert Blair, Playford Aldridge was in third place at the end of the second full day of counting of ballots.

Describing the election as "close," Hartman said that there were relatively few votes between the top and bottom candidates in most of the contests.

The official standing of candidates for other posts are:

Vice president, 1 Howard Bush, 2 Lauren Breedlove.

Recording secretary, 1 John E. Neal, 2 Mrs. Genevieve Myers.

Executive board (five to be elected), 1 Lewis Chaney, 2 Albert Stine, 3 Thomas Condon, 4 William Coleman, 5 Carl Hinkle, 6 James Martin, 7 Mrs. Mary Grady, 8 Francis Comer, 9 Mrs. Francis Petrenbrink, 10 Dennis McCulley, 11 Lester McGill, 12 Mrs. Louis Geddes, 13 Ernest Madden, 14 Mrs. Evelyn Morgan.

Board of Trustees (five to be elected), 1 Charles E. Jones, 2 John H. Demerer, 3 George H. Layman, 4 Charles H. Smith, 5 Edwin Van Meter, 6 Neil Toey, 7 Raymond McGraw.

The committee reported that the counting of the ballots, which has been in progress in the Algonquin hotel since Friday, should be completed by the evening.

Because of the closeness of the race, the possibilities of run-off contests still existed last evening.

Hampton T. Dashiell, 50, Is Fatally Injured when Struck by Automobile

Allegany Grove Is Scene of Accident; Driver Cited for Hearing

Hampton T. Dashiell, 50, of LaVale boulevard near Allegany Grove, was fatally injured last evening at 11:55 o'clock when struck by an automobile on U. S. Route No. 40, three miles west of Cumberland.

Trooper G. M. Rotruck, of the Maryland State Police, who investigated the accident, said the operator of the car which struck Dashiell was Charles McMillan, of 934 Gay street, who was en route from Frostburg to Cumberland with two passengers in his machine.

According to the state trooper, McMillan said he was driving his machine at twenty miles an hour in a blinding snow and failed to see Dashiell until the instant the car struck him.

Following the accident, McMillan and his passengers lifted Dashiell into their machine and took him to the state police barracks and from there he was brought to the Allegany hospital in the automobile. Dashiell is believed to have died almost instantly.

Dr. Linne H. Corson, deputy medical examiner for Allegany county, examined the body upon arrival at the hospital but failed to give a verdict early this morning. McMillan, driver of the machine, was cited for a hearing at the office of the state's attorney at 10 o'clock this morning.

Dashiell, an employee of the Celanese Corporation of America, was a cousin of Edgar A. Dashiell, manager of the Queen City Dashiell, Inc. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora Dashiell. The Dashiells came to the Allegany Grove section from Baltimore about five years ago. He has been employed at Celanese for the past three years.

The death of Dashiell marks the first highway fatality of the year in Allegany county.

Krishnayya Will Address Rotarians

Passupuleti Gopala Krishnayya, graduate of the University of Madras, who also taught there several years, will speak on "India's Place in the United Nations" at the Rotary club meeting here tomorrow at 12:15 p. m. in Central YMCA.

A former lieutenant in the British army, one of the few Indians thus honored, Krishnayya made a brilliant record at Columbia and New York universities as a graduate student and research scholar. He is a writer and the author of several books.

The YMCA board comprises thirty members, nineteen of whom are holdovers.

After the ballots are counted and the new directors announced the board will hold a brief organization meeting for the purpose of electing officers.

Local News in Brief

The Cumberland Credit Bureau has been moved from the Jevine building, 125 South Centre street, to its new quarters on the sixth floor of the Liberty Trust building. Virgil C. Powell is manager of the bureau.

BENSON INFANT DIES

Sandra Kay Benson, four-month-old daughter of Chester and Madonna (Burgess) Benson, 1315 Virginia avenue, died Saturday in Memorial hospital.

Besides her parents, she is survived by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burgess, 1315 Virginia and Mrs. Lutie Benson, Oldtown road.

RALPH SMITH RITES

Funeral services for Ralph R. Smith, 69, a former resident of this city who died Thursday at his home in Asheville, N. C., were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Stein funeral home.

The Rev. William A. Eisenberger, pastor of First Presbyterian church, officiated. Interment was in Greenmont cemetery.

Pallbearers were George Barnard, M. E. Twigg, Louis Smith, John Cookerly, Albert Imler and John Richardson.

MRS. DRUMM RITES

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Mae Drumm, 52, wife of James L. Drumm, 234 Avirett avenue, who died Wednesday evening in Memorial hospital, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Stein funeral home.

The Rev. William A. Eisenberger, pastor of First Presbyterian church, officiated. Interment was in Greenmont cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles A. Rice, Orville B. Boughton, Albert H. Macey, William J. Edwards, Robert E. Colomy, George W. Barnard, Paul M. Fletcher and James W. Webster.

Two Inch Snowfall Reported in Area

Snow began falling in this area early yesterday afternoon and had blanketed the tri-state area to the depth of two inches by midnight.

Roads west of Frostburg were "very slippery" state police reported, and drivers were cautioned that chains were advisable.

No traffic accidents were reported in Cumberland but police said that motorists were having difficulties on all steep grades. Williams street was blocked for a time after motorists were forced to put on chains.

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